

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (canceled).

20. (New) A support element for mutual support of a fuel injector (1) in a valve seat of a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine, and of the fuel injector (1) against a fuel distributor (2), the support element (3) comprising a clamp (8) and clips (4) provided thereon, as well as a bracket (5), wherein the fuel injector (1) protrudes through a hole (11) therein.

21. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the bracket (5) rests against the fuel distributor (2) via a planar surface.

22. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the clips (4) rest against the fuel distributor (2).

23. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein an edge (9) of the clamp (8) rests circumferentially against the fuel injector (1).

24. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the bracket (5) rests against the fuel injector (1) via a planar surface.

25. (New) The support element according to Claim 24, wherein the clips (4) rest against the fuel injector (1).
26. (New) The support element according to Claim 24, wherein an edge (9) of the clamp (8) rests circumferentially against the fuel distributor (2).
27. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the bracket (5) is connected to the clamp (8) via a projection (6).
28. (New) The support element according to Claim 27, wherein the bracket (5) on the projection (6) is curved radially inwards.
29. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the bracket (5) is curved.
30. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the number of clips (4) is at least two.
31. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the clamp (8) has a slit in the area of an electrical lead (7) of the fuel injector (1).
32. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the support element (3) has a second bracket (12).

33. (New) The support element according to Claim 32, wherein, in relation to the clamp (8), the second bracket (12) is arranged symmetrically thereon.

34. (New) The support element according to Claim 32, wherein the second bracket (12) is open.

35. (New) The support element according to Claim 32, wherein the bracket (5) has the same shape as the second bracket (12).

36. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the clamp (8) is manufactured by stamping and bending spring steel.

37. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the support element (3) has a rectangular or square cross section.

38. (New) The support element according to Claim 20, wherein the fuel injector (1) is flexibly braced against the fuel distributor (2) via the support element (3).